

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO SITUATION REPORT # 25 1500 Hours 27 September 2006

New Information in Italics and Bold

SUMMARY

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Hurricane Readiness Level 5, ***Recovery Operations as activity transition to the Joint Field Office.*** Efforts focus on damage assessments and meeting immediate assistance needs.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is monitoring National Weather Service forecasts, producing Situation Reports, assisting in damage assessments compilation and preparing for opening of a Joint Field Office.

VDEM Priorities: Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens and emergency workers; transition to the administration of recovery programs for Public Assistance; assist in the appeal of the Federal decision not to award Individual Assistance; and keep stakeholders and the public informed.

An After Action Review by representatives of those agencies which responded at the VEOC for Tropical Storm Ernesto will be conducted on 5 October.

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia on August 31, 2006, in preparation for Tropical Storm Ernesto.

Marine Resources Commission language for an amended Executive Order has been accepted. On 15 September Governor Kaine amended Executive Order Number 34 (2006) by providing for an expedited state permitting process for pier and shoreline restoration projects needed to correct damage caused by Tropical Storm Ernesto.

On 8 September, the Governor requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance to include nine localities: the counties of Accomack, Gloucester, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex and Northumberland, and the cities of Hampton, Newport News and Richmond and has requested Public Assistance for 25 localities: the counties of Accomack, Caroline, Charles City, Dinwiddie, Essex, Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Northampton, Northumberland, Richmond, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, Westmoreland and York, and the cities of Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson and Richmond.

President Bush granted Governor Kaine's request for Federal Assistance and declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia on 22 September due to damage resulting from Tropical Depression Ernesto that began on 29 August. The Cities of Poquoson and Richmond as well as the Counties of Accomack, Caroline, Charles City, Dinwiddie, Essex, Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northampton, Northumberland, Richmond, Surry, Sussex, Westmoreland and York were designated to receive Public Assistance along with eligible State Government, Local Government and private non-profit organizations. ***Public Assistance for the Cities of Hampton and Newport News as well as the Counties of New Kent and Southampton has not been approved.*** All jurisdictions in the Commonwealth are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

On 25 September Governor Kaine announced an appeal of FEMA's denial of a request for Individual Assistance will be made.

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Protective Actions: **Local State of Emergency Declared**

James City County – 7 September @ 1200
York County – 1 September @ 0900
City of Poquoson – 1 September @ 0900
City of Richmond – 1 September @ 1130
City of Newport News – 1 September @ 1200
Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1230
Lancaster County – 1 September @ 1200
Accomack County – 1 September @ 1200
Northampton County – 1 September @ 1400
Richmond County – 1 September @ 1830
Middlesex County – 1 September @ 1600
Gloucester County – 1 September @ 1200
Mathews County – 1 September @ 1215

Adjacent Jurisdictions:

North Carolina declared a State of Emergency
West Virginia declared State of Emergency.

ESF 15 – External Affairs: Distributed Press Release on 22 September announcing the Presidential Disaster Declaration, ***responding to numerous citizen inquiries***, continuing to respond to media inquiries, coordinating legislative inquiries, and ***preparing for transition to Joint Field Office operations***.

Michael Cline, State Coordinator, briefed the Virginia Congressional Delegation on 25 September in Washington DC on FEMA Disaster Recovery Programs.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight: Partly to mostly clear with low temperatures from upper 40's to upper 50's and winds will be South- Southwest 5 to 10 MPH. 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms in Southwest Virginia with Southwest winds 5 to 10 MPH with gusts up to 25 MPH.

Thursday: 80% chance of showers and thunderstorms with a threat of severe weather in the afternoon and overnight. Primary threat in Southwest, West Central and Western Virginia will be damage from straight line winds. Heavy downpours are possible and small hail may accompany anyone of these storms. High temperatures in the mid 60's to low 80's and overnight lows in the low 40's to upper 50's. Winds will be variable 5 to 15 MPH with gusts up to 25 MPH.

Friday: Partly to mostly cloudy with high temperatures in the low 60's to upper 70s' and winds will be West-Northwest 5 to 15 MPH with gusts up to 30 MPH in Southwest and West Central Virginia. 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms in far Southwest Virginia.

OPERATIONS SECTION

STATE WARNING POINT: Monitoring National Weather Service advisories and forecasts.

LOCAL LIAISON: Completed requests for assistance from localities are listed in prior Situation Reports.

<u>Request</u>	<u>Locality</u>	<u>Status</u>
Water Pumps	City of Richmond	Extended to 1 October by Governor

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health & Medical Services: VDH reports all boil water notices have been lifted.

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RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)

Initial Damage Assessment Report:

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Public*</u>
Accomack County	\$4,911,856	\$781,169.96*
Alexandria	\$20,000	\$20,000
Amelia County	N/A	\$29,121.73*
Appomattox County	N/A	\$8,782.98
Arlington County	N/A	\$2,000*
Bedford County	N/A	\$3,218.07
Brunswick County	N/A	\$17,427.86*
Buckingham County	N/A	\$478.68
Campbell County	N/A	\$16,119.47
Caroline County	\$9,000	\$76,200*
Charles City County	N/A	\$5,800*
Charlotte County	N/A	\$14,225.71*
Chesterfield County	\$100,000	\$30,573.84*
City of Chesapeake	\$20,700**	\$449,304
Chincoteague, Town of	\$254,000	\$111,500
Colonial Heights, City of	\$12,000	N/A
Cumberland County	N/A	\$16,825.28*
Dinwiddie County	\$75,000	\$141,514.75*
Essex County	\$1,250,000	\$205,192.19*
Fairfax County	N/A	\$70,000*
Franklin County	N/A	\$75,000*
Goochland County	N/A	\$2,000*
Gloucester County	\$1,336,460	\$607,656*
Greensville County	N/A	\$38,604*
Halifax County	N/A	\$3,300*
Hampton City	\$1,763,000**	\$39,000
Hanover County	N/A	\$2,000*
Henrico County	N/A	\$10,000*
Henry County	\$30,000	N/A
Hopewell City	\$5,000	\$28,000
Isle of Wight County	N/A	\$280,000*
James City County	\$150,000	\$250,000*
King George County	\$1,000,000	\$374,000*
King and Queen County	N/A	\$135,804.90*
King William County	N/A	\$105,964.81*
Lancaster County	N/A	\$158,000*
Loudoun County	N/A	\$35,000*
Lunenburg County	N/A	\$43,842.16*
Mathews County	\$5,218,000	\$360,000*
Mecklenburg County	N/A	\$12,331.51*
Middlesex County	\$8,540,925	\$510,000*
New Kent County	\$552,000	\$19,500*
Newport News, City of	\$4,072,000	\$137,109.26*
Norfolk City	N/A	\$369,396
Northampton County	\$7,744,653	\$124,162.68*
Northumberland County	\$18,805,000	\$697,000*
Nottoway County	N/A	\$32,368.11*
Petersburg, City of	\$20,000	N/A
Pittsylvania County	N/A	\$4,724.05
Poquoson, City of	\$406,000	\$92,100
Powhatan County	\$100,000	\$43,301.98*
Prince Edward	N/A	\$34,097.21
Prince George County	\$315,500	\$27,000*

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Prince William County	N/A	\$40,000*
Richmond City	\$9,000,000	\$41,358,298.79
Richmond County	\$1,550,000	\$178,000*
Southampton County	N/A	\$55,100*
Spotsylvania County	N/A	\$22,000*
Stafford County	N/A	\$36,500*
Surry County	\$85,000	\$159,300*
Sussex County	N/A	\$85,000*
Virginia Beach, City of	\$225,000	\$75,000
Westmoreland County	N/A	\$118,500*
York County	\$517,000	\$937,000*
Subtotal	\$68,088,094**	\$49,715,415.98*

State Agency (Excludes VDOT)

Department of Corrections
Department of Emergency Management
Department of Fire Programs
Department of Health
Dept of Mental Health, Retardation & Substance Abuse
Department of General Services
Tidewater Community College
John Tyler Community College
Paul D. Camp Community College – Franklin Campus
Paul D. Camp Community College – Suffolk Campus
Thomas Nelson Community College
Virginia Port Authority
Virginia State Police

Public*

\$23,179
\$1,450,000
\$1,443
\$825
\$38,280
\$74,413.98
\$30,000
\$80,712
\$12,700
\$10,000
\$12,380
\$13,450.48
\$14,402.58
\$1,767,019.55

Grand Total

\$68,088,094

\$51,482,435.53

*includes VDOT and Electric Cooperative estimates

** includes residential, business, and agriculture estimates

The FEMA Management Team, headed by Gracia Szczech, arrived on 26 September and has identified a site at 4800 Cox Road, Glen Allen, Virginia for the Joint Field Office. The initial State/FEMA Joint Meeting to coordinate the opening of the Joint Field Office is tentatively scheduled for 28 September.

PLANNING SECTION

Planning: Monitor and review incoming situational status and damage assessments, distribute Situation Reports and prepare for the transition of activities to the Joint Field Office.

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